

Judgment Fund Accountability Act of 2021

U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

Bill Summary:

- **Prevent payments from the Judgment Fund to illegal immigrants**

Background:

The Treasury Department's Judgment Fund is used by the Treasury Department to pay certain settlements when lawsuits are brought against the federal government. Use of this fund has been heavily scrutinized over the last decade for limited accountability, transparency or oversight. This includes the Obama Administration's decision to transfer \$1.3 billion from the Judgment Fund to the Islamic Republic of Iran in 2016.

Sen. Fischer's legislation responds to reports the Biden Administration plans to offer migrants who broke the law to come into the U.S. settlement payments up to \$450,000 per person. The payments are in response to lawsuits by these individuals against the government. That figure is more than four times greater than the payment families of our fallen servicemembers receive.

The bill is co-sponsored by Sen. Grassley (R-Iowa.), Sen. Capito (R-W.Va.), Sen. Crapo (R-Idaho.), Sen. Cramer (R-N.D.), Sen. Hyde-Smith (R-Miss.), Sen. Cassidy (R-La.), and Sen. Blackburn (R-Tenn.).